

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:) Confirmation No.: 5426
Harold P. MINTZ) Group Art Unit: 1771
Serial No. 09/714,619) Examiner: Lalita M. Hamilton
Filed: November 17, 2000)
For: METHOD OF OPERATING A)
VENTURE BUSINESS)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed **July 31, 2008**, and further to the personal interview with Examiner Hamilton conducted on November 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: